

The OVH ARC Newsletter
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OLE VIRGINIA TIMES

**Renew your OVH
membership now!**

December 2014

Next Meeting: Monday, December 15, 2014

PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Greetings to all and I hope this message finds you all healthy and well.

The report from George / K4GVT is that at least 10 OVH member turned out on December 6th to support the communications needs of the City of Manassas during its 2014 Christmas Parade. More on that later in this Newsletter.

On Sunday, December 14th beginning at 5:30 pm, the OVH will hold its annual Year End / Christmas Party at the Yorkshire Restaurant. More on that too later in this Newsletter. This is the OVH's premier family social event (no radio operating during the event) and all are invited. Hope to see you there!

I was not able to attend the last regular meeting and missed what I hear was an excellent presentation by Keith / KB3TCB on the topic of Broadband Ham Nets (BBHN). From what I heard, his presentation could perhaps be broken into two parts, the first on BBHNs and the second part on how to connect various very useful devices and gadgets such as video telephones, sensors to a private BBHN network. I hope we can get Keith and Eva to come to the OVH Hamfest again this year to present one or more forums. They have plenty of very interesting stuff to talk about and their enthusiasm is infectious.

As the end of 2014 is fast approaching, I like many of you are wondering, where did 2014 go, how did it go by so quickly? Regardless of how you answer that, it is my duty to remind you that the end of the calendar year brings the time for each OVH member to renew his or her membership. The club appreciates your support! A renewal form appears later in this Newsletter.

I hope to see everyone on December 15th at our new meeting location, main conference room, Manassas Public Works, 8500 Public Works Drive, Manassas, Virginia at 7:30 pm.



73 Justin KJ4LAS

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The OVH ARC regular monthly meeting is at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday. In July, 2014, the monthly meeting will be held at the Central Community Library, 8601 Mathis Avenue, Manassas, Virginia. Members, prospective members and other interested persons are invited to attend. Local information can also be obtained through the OVH's FM repeaters on 146.970-, 224.660-, 442.200+ and 443.500+ MHz or D-Star repeaters on 146.865- and 442.5125+ MHz. Up to date information about OVH activities and its meetings is also available during the OVH's nets on its FM Repeaters each Thursday night at 8:00 p.m. or on 80 meters (3710 KHz) LSB each Sunday night at 7:00 p.m. (8:00 pm in Summer) or through the OVH's web site at <http://w4ovh.net>

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Sunshine Corner:

Happy birthday wishes this month to David / KK4ZUU, Clarence / K4CNM, Shannon / KK4NMR, David / KJ4EPF, Edward / KK4PHP, Ross / N4RP, Dianne / KI4FVV, Bill / N4SV, Mike / KI4SNE, Peter / KM4CJI, Alan / KD4KBX, Paul / KD8PQF, Byron / AK4XR, Charles / WA1FFX and George / N4XSL.

Congratulations to David / KK4ZUU on his recent ham license upgrade to General!

Thank you to everyone [at least 10 OVH members] who came out to provide communications support to the City of Manassas during the 2014 Manassas Christmas parade on Saturday morning, December 6th. First, we had a great breakfast at Chick-Fil-A and then all went out to the cold, damp and drizzly weather of the Christmas Parade! But we had a great time, and provided a great service to the City of Manassas. Special thanks to George / K4GVT for organizing this for the club and for posting pictures from the event on his private web site at <http://k4gvt.com/Manassas%20Christmas%20Parade%202014> Some pictures from the event also appear later in this Newsletter.

This Newsletter will be in print a few days before the OVH's annual year end Holiday / Christmas Party event this month. Remember, that that OVH family event will take place on Sunday, December 14th at the Yorkshire Restaurant in Manassas beginning at 5:30 pm, This is the OVH's premier social event each year and all members should plan to attend, family members are invited too. Please bring a covered dish to share with the group, main courses and drinks will be provided. We will also collect new, unwrapped toys for the TOYS FOR TOTS Campaign. Hope to see you there and thanks in advance for your donation to Toys for Tots.

Thanks to Tim / KM4CCI for helping out with a radio demonstration during the Girl Scout Adventure Day event in late October. See picture to the right.

Thanks also to all OVH members who participated in providing communications support for the grueling Marine Corps Marathon in late October.

Best wishes to Steve N4OGR for a rapid and continuing recovery.

From our house to you and yours, a very Merry Christmas and happy Holidays and best wishes for a Happy New Year!

If you have any news that you want reported in the Sunshine Corner, contact me.

73 Theresa KG4TVM email: kg4tvm@hotmail.com



Minutes of the Ole Virginia Hams Amateur Radio Club Meeting

November 17, 2014:

OVH Vice President, Clarence / K4CNM, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance. Meeting was held at the Manassas Public Works Building conference room.

All present stated their names and call signs. There were 20 members and 6 guests present.

Terry / WA5NTI introduced the guest presenter, Keith Elkin / KB3TCB, and his wife, Eva. Keith spoke about the uses and operation of Broadband Ham Net / Mesh Networking systems. Keith also brought his Communications Van and showed it to interested members. His web site is at URL **<http://remoteamateur.com>** Those who attended the OVH Hamfest in June 2014 will remember that Keith and Eva presented a hamfest forum on BBHN which was very well attended.

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes from the September meeting were read and amended, motion by Terry / WA5NTI and seconded by Theresa / KG4TVM.

Treasurer's Report – Terry / KC4DV gave the report, motion by Byron / AK4XR and 2nd by Al / KB4BHB approved as presented.

Membership – The Club voted in Mark Miller / AE1MM as a new member and read in applicant Dean Beyer / KM4FTZ who will be voted on next month.

ARES – The group had a meeting Saturday November 15th. No other details or report.

Repeaters – Keith / KM4AA reported all is working OK but that the short section in the OVH's minutes for the October 2014 meeting relating to repeaters was in error in that they referred to remarks by an individual who is not a member of the OVH and was not at the meeting. The Secretary apologized for the error which also slipped by several proofreaders who could have or should have caught it.

Training – No report

Scholarship – No report

Hamfest – Terry / KC4DV reported that the Hamfest planning committee will meet on December 3rd; planning is well underway and there are no known problems yet. Nevertheless, the planning committee could use more help so please come to the meetings to support the OVH's biggest fund raiser each year. Particularly welcome will be newer OVH members with organizational and/or how-to-get-things-done skills or who would like to develop those skills or to get to know other club members better.

Field Day – John / KG4NXT introduced the new co-coordinators for the next field day. They are Ken / KM4ABL and Byron / AK4XR.

Sunshine Corner – Theresa / KG4TVM wished everyone with a birthday in November a happy birthday and the Vets, a happy Veteran's Day. Also welcome to the new hams and thanked the VEs. Thanks to Tim / KM4CCI for helping with the Girl Scout event last month. **Cont'd on next page**

Thanks also to all that helped with the Marine Corps Marathon and the last Mini Tri of the season. Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 15th, beginning at 5:30 pm at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centerville Road in Manassas.

Web Site(s) – Paul / W4ZB reported that web sites W4OVH.NET and MANASSASHAMFEST.ORG are up and working well.

JOTA – No report

BBHN – No report

No 50-50 tonight.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Mark / AE1MM and seconded by / Al KB4BHB. All voted to approve. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Reminders about some upcoming events / calendar dates:

OVH'S YEAR END / CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY PARTY:

December 14, 2014, Sunday from 5:30 pm onward. The OVH's Year End / Christmas / Holiday Party will be held again this year at the Yorkshire Restaurant, 7537 Centerville Road, Manassas, Virginia. The party will be (again) in the private rooms so enter through the side door of the restaurant. This is the Club's premier social event; all member and their families are invited to attend for the festivities and to socialize with fellow club members and their families. Main course and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring a potluck side dish to share; also, if possible, a wrapped item for the Toys for Tots collection. Contact Theresa / KG4TVM at kg4tvm@hotmail.com for more information and/or also check in on the OVH's VHF/UHF nets or OVH email reflector for the latest information.

HAMFESTS:

February 7, 2015 - The annual Frostfest Hamfest in Richmond, Virginia will be in a larger hall (than in recent years) at the Richmond Raceway Complex. This is a very popular winter hamfest and is regularly attended by several or more OVH members who often ride in groups; check around or inquire / ask on the OVH's email reflector if you need a ride. Complete info at <http://www.frostfest.com>

March 22, 2015 - Vienna Wireless' Winterfest Hamfest at the Annandale Campus of the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), 8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale, Virginia This has been a very winter hamfest for many years, but this year it is moving its date back by about a month later than usual into Spring. More information at <http://www.viennawireless.org/winterfest.php>

May 15 - 17, 2015 - Friday - Sunday. Dayton Hamvention, Dayton, Ohio. This is the biggest hamfest in the world. More info at <http://hamvention.org>.

June 14, 2015 - Sunday. The OVH is sponsoring and will put on the annual Manassas Hamfest for the 41st time in 2015. All active OVH member will, of course, attend; everyone else is invited too and we expect several thousand attendees again this year!

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SPECIAL SEMINARS, ETC:

May 14, 2014, Thursday. The excellent and very well attended Contest University program will again take place in downtown Dayton, Ohio, the day before the Dayton Hamvention begins. See <http://contestuniversity.com> for complete details.

OPERATING CONTESTS:

Information about many other operating contests almost every weekend and each month can be found on the WA7BNM's excellent web site at <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal>

PUBLIC SERVICE / TRAINING / ARES EVENTS

Always check the online Calendar by David / KG4GIY at <http://www.pwcares.org> for the latest updates. David maintains a comprehensive calendar for upcoming events at that web site. Complete direct contact information for David appears on page 2 of this Newsletter.

A Picture from the Hamfest Committee Meeting - December 3, 2014



Missing from the picture is the photographer, Theresa / KG4TVM. Be sure to save the date for the 41st Manassas Hamfest on Sunday, June 14, 2015. The current Flyer for the 2015 Manassas Hamfest appears later in this Newsletter. .

Pictures from the November 17th OVH Regular Meeting



The presentation by Keith / KB3TCB and Eva held everyone's rapt attention for more than an hour.



Pictures of a few of the OVH members at the City of Manassas Christmas Parade event

REMINDER



Yes, it is that time of year again!!!! Below is the 2015 Renewal Application.

Please fill out the form below (for database), attach your check and mail to the address below or drop off at a meeting. Be sure to update all information, including your e-mail address, telephone number(s) and nine digit ZIP

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION "OLE VIRGINIA HAMS AMATEUR RADIO CLUB" 2015

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CALL SIGN: _____
Home Tel: _____
Cell Tel: _____
Work Tel: _____
EMAIL: _____
BIRTHDAY: _____

ARE YOU PRESENTLY AN ARRL MEMBER? (YES/NO)

ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER EXAMINER: (YES/NO)

MAY YOUR TELEPHONE NOS. BE LISTED IN THE "Members Only" OVH ROSTER? (YES/NO)

WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT LICENSE CLASS? _____

Dues are now **\$20.00** per year and payable on January 1, 2015. Dues for each additional family member living at the same mailing address are \$10.00. Dues for a full time student at the college undergraduate or lower level [list school attended and grade or level:
_____] are \$10.00.

AMOUNT ENCLOSING: _____

NAME AND CALL OF FAMILY MEMBERS:

Name: _____
Name: _____

Call: _____
Call: _____

Return to: **Treasurer, OVH**

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S LARGEST

Manassas Hamfest



AMATEUR RADIO & MAKER TECHNOLOGY SHOW

An ARRL-Approved HAMFEST Presented By:

The OLE VIRGINIA HAMS Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

(Featuring Youth Lounge Activities for the Youngsters Attending!)



Sunday, June 14, 2015

Prince William County Fairgrounds

Large Outdoor and Covered Pavillion flea market areas, two indoor air-conditioned buildings, several covered buildings and ample parking

10624 Dumfries Road - Route 234 - Manassas, Virginia -- Talk-In Repeaters on 146.97- and 442.200+

INDOOR EXHIBITOR SPACE

8-foot tables: \$30* each
with chairs & electricity
(\$25 if reserved by May 1st)
Setup 2-10 PM Saturday

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$10* per person at gate
(Age 18 and younger: no charge)
(*See web sites for prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015)
Gates open at 7 AM

TAILGATING (admission is extra)

Outdoor Spaces: \$10* per space
Covered Pavillion: \$15 per space
(*See web sites for details about online prepayment discounts before 5/31/2015)
Gates open at 6 AM

* Online ticket sales and vendor registration at <http://manassashamfest.org>

For our Most Current Vendor List and Ticket Sales Visit our Web Pages:

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

PRIZES

- Door prizes hourly 9 AM to 1 PM (be present to win)
- Major & Tailgate prizes awarded at 2 PM

INFORMATION

- ARRL Roanoke Division Officers attending
- Virginia Section Manager Forum & other Forums
- 4th Call Area QSL Bureau Representatives
- DXCC QSL Card Checking will be available
- Virginia QSO Party Awards Ceremony
- Check our web pages (below) for the most up-to-date information

ACTIVITIES

- Flea Market & Vendors - all day
- VEC License Exams: 8:00 AM - 10:30 AM
- "Maker" group technology demonstrations
- ARRL style Youth Lounge programs all day for youngsters - by the OVHARC and 4-H
- D-STAR Operating and Q&A Forum
- Amateur Radio Satellite Forum
- BroadBand Ham Networks ("BBHN") Forum
- Virginia QSO Party Awards and Forum
- More Forums to be announced, check web sites

<http://manassashamfest.org> and <http://w4ovh.net>

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